

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

DAMON L. MCCALL,	)	CASE NO. 4:06 CV 1895
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Petitioner,	)	JUDGE CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO
	)	
v.	)	
	)	<u>MEMORANDUM OF OPINION</u>
STUART HUDSON,	)	<u>AND ORDER</u>
	)	
Respondent.	)	

CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO, J.:

On August 8, 2006, petitioner pro se, Damon L. McCall, filed the above-captioned habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. McCall is incarcerated in an Ohio penal institution, having been convicted in 1991 of aggravated murder, felonious assault, and aggravated robbery, all with firearm specifications. His direct appeals were completed in 1993. In August 2003, McCall filed a Motion to Alter and/or Amend Judgment and Sentence. See State ex rel. McCall v. Evans, No. 04 MA 84, 2004 WL 2029325 (Sept. 1, 2004). For the reasons stated below, the petition is denied and this action is dismissed.

A federal district court may entertain a petition for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody only on the ground that the custody violates the Constitution or laws of the

United States. Furthermore, the petitioner must have exhausted all available state remedies. 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Finally, persons in custody pursuant to a state court judgment must file any federal habeas petition within one year of the latest of:

A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;

B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such State action;

C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or

D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

28 U.S.C. § 2244(d) (1).

Section 2244(d) (2) further provides: "The time during which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection."


It is evident that over fifteen years passed from the date of his conviction to the filing of McCall's petition. His 2003 postconviction motion cannot "retrigger" the statute of limitations for bringing a federal habeas action. Thompson v. Chandler, 55 Fed.Appx. 758, 2003 WL 343249 (6th Cir. Feb. 12, 2003); cf. Searcy v. Carter, 246 F.3d 515 (2001) (delayed appeal).

Moreover, none of the other circumstances set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1) is claimed to apply, and there is no reasonable suggestion of a basis for tolling the one year statute of limitations. Therefore, the petition must be dismissed as time-barred.

Accordingly, the petition is denied and this action is dismissed pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Further, the court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith, and that there is no basis on which to issue a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Fed.R.App.P. 22(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: 9/27/06

  
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CHRISTOPHER A. BOYKO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE